



Washington State
Department of Transportation



Project News and Scoping Meeting Notice: Mukilteo Multimodal Ferry Terminal

New multimodal ferry terminal is being planned

Public is encouraged to learn more, get involved in the planning process

Washington State Ferries (WSF) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are proposing to build a new multimodal ferry terminal in Mukilteo that will give ferry passengers direct access to train and bus connections. This newsletter provides information about the project and opportunities for your involvement.

Why is a new terminal needed?

Last rebuilt in 1952, the Mukilteo Ferry Terminal has many limitations, including:

- The facility does not meet current and projected demands for use. The Mukilteo terminal is one of the busiest in the WSF system, with about four million riders and two million vehicles per year.
- The terminal lacks adequate facilities for walk-on and disabled passengers.
- Vehicle holding space can accommodate only 110 vehicles (less than a boat-load), which causes miles of vehicle backups and serious congestion on the SR-525 approach during peak periods.
- The site is not designed to foster efficient connections among modes of transportation—cars, HOVs, trains, bikes and foot traffic—that come together at the ferry terminal.
- Service by more than two boats is not practical with only one ferry slip. In addition, the single-slip configuration requires a total shutdown of service if the vessel or loading dock malfunction, or if the existing slip is damaged.

- The terminal does not allow vehicles and passengers to be separated during loading and unloading, creating safety risks and reducing efficiency.

- The current facility limits public use of the waterfront.

Goals of the project

A consortium of agencies—WSF, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Port of Everett, City of Everett, City of Mukilteo and Sound Transit—was established in 1999 to address the Mukilteo Ferry Terminal problems through the redevelopment process.

They agreed that the goals of the Mukilteo Multimodal Ferry Terminal project are:

- Promote use of HOV and non-motorized transportation modes;
- Develop the project in a way that is compatible with the natural environment and community needs;
- Provide seamless and safe connections for ferry riders to local/regional bus, commuter rail, bike, pedestrian and auto modes; and
- Solve operational problems and support projected growth in ridership through 2030.

**Come to a meeting—
We need your input!**



NEPA Project Scoping Meetings

Tues., Nov. 9, 6:00-8:00 PM

Mukilteo Water District
Administration Building
7824 Mukilteo Speedway
Mukilteo

Wed., Nov. 10, 6:00-8:00 PM

Clinton Progressive Hall
6411 Central Avenue
Clinton, Whidbey Island

WSF and FTA are beginning an environmental review process concerning the Mukilteo Multimodal Ferry Terminal Project, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The environmental review process will analyze potential impacts so that the project can be developed in a way that protects and enhances the community and environment.

You're invited to attend a public scoping meeting to provide input on the scope or range of issues to be studied as part of this environmental review process.

If you cannot attend a meeting, you may submit comments by mail or e-mail; see inside for details.

Next steps in the planning process

WSF and the FTA, co-leaders of the Mukilteo Multimodal Ferry Terminal Project, are beginning an environmental review process in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The first step is project scoping, a process intended to identify important issues to be studied. WSF invites all interested parties to submit comments on the scope or range of issues to be studied as part of this environmental review process.

Comments may be submitted by mail, e-mail, or in person at the public meetings to be held Tuesday, Nov. 9, 6:00-8:00 PM at the Mukilteo Water District Administration Building, 7824 Mukilteo Speedway, Mukilteo; and Wednesday, Nov. 10, 6:00-8:00 PM at Clinton Progressive Hall, 6411 Central Ave., Clinton, Whidbey Island.

Key features of the proposed new multimodal terminal

New terminal building

New ferry dock with two ferry slips

Overhead pedestrian bridge giving passengers direct connections between terminal, ferry passenger deck, transit center and Sounder Commuter Rail Station

Transit center for service connections with Everett Transit and Community Transit

Pick-up and drop-off areas

Bike facilities and dedicated bike ferry staging

Pedestrian waterfront promenade for public access to the water

Space for commercial and other services

Vehicle holding for 260-300 cars (two boatloads) with HOV priority staging and bypass lanes

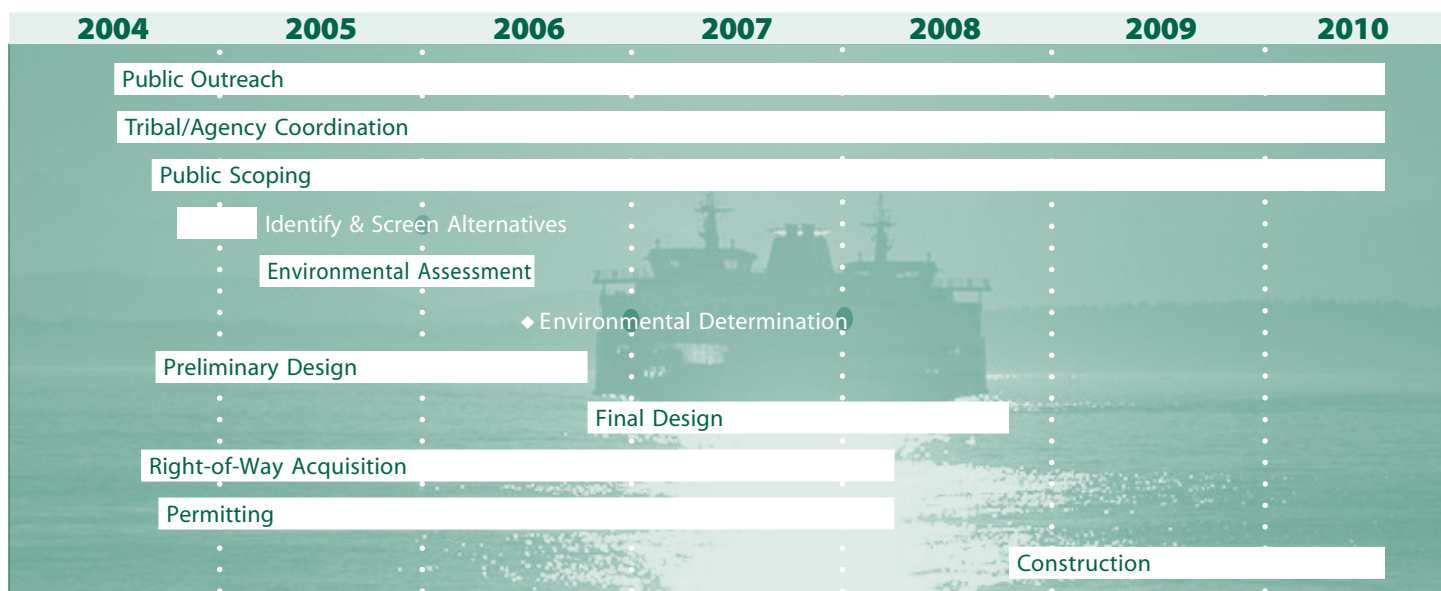
New access road with "overflow" lane and HOV bypass

Four-booth toll plaza with HOV priority

Compatibility with possible future access via Japanese Gulch

Security screening areas

Project time-line



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Send us your comments!



We encourage you to use the pre-addressed postcard below to send us your comments, or to have your name added to the project mailing list. You may also send an e-mail to: MukilteoFerryProject@wsdot.wa.gov

Please provide your scoping comments by Nov. 17, 2004. Written comments may also be submitted in person at the Nov. 9 and 10 scoping meetings.

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